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Secretary of State Kevin Shelley Issues Re-Certification Order for Touch Screen System in Merced County

Praises County, Vendor for meeting standards

SACRAMENTO, CA – Secretary of State Kevin Shelley today issued an order re-certifying the ES&S iVotronic electronic voting system for Merced County.

“I am pleased that Merced County Clerk Stephen Jones and ES&S have worked collaboratively with our office in meeting the re-certification conditions,” said Secretary of State Kevin Shelley.

On April 30th Secretary Shelley banned the use of touchscreen voting systems in four counties and decertified touchscreen systems in 10 other counties until security measures are in place to safeguard the November vote. In the remaining 10 counties using touchscreen systems, Shelley said he would require the counties to either install a voter verified paper trail before November, or to meet 23 security measures before he would re-certify those systems.

Among the 23 security measures that ES&S and Merced County had to meet in order for the system to be re-certified include:

- Voters must have the ability to cast a paper ballot;
- The computer software, firmware, or hardware must be made available to the Secretary of State’s office;
- No telephone, wireless, or Internet connections are permitted on the machines; and
- The county is required to provide the Secretary of State with a comprehensive poll worker training program.